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~~Allen Dulles Should Be Retired~~

As world tensions grow more tense and it becomes more obvious that this nation is moving to a showdown with the Sino-Soviet drive for world domination, America's so-called intelligence system becomes of paramount importance.

It is also becoming more obvious that this nation to survive must have a better intelligence system than it now has. What ever qualifications and good intentions Allen Dulles may have as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, he should be removed and replaced promptly.

This nation must have confidence in the work of the CIA and it no longer has that confidence. The Cuban fiasco was bad indeed. But it

was just another example of somebody's goof. No information is better than wrong information. Vice President Nixon was sent into countries believing he would be greeted with welcome only to do well to escape with his life. The prestige-eroding U-2 incident was a miserable example of CIA's inaptitude, to put it mildly.

Under Director Allen Dulles, the CIA has had plenty of money, a free hand and reams of cloak-and-dagger publicity. It is time this vital agency produced some efficiency.

America would feel more secure, and we believe be more secure, with a new director of the Central Intelligence Agency. We can't afford any more major goofs in the vital area of so-called intelligence.